EBBC’s next General Membership Meeting will begin at 7:30pm on Tuesday, October 21 at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 Manila Ave. Please see ebbc.org for the agenda.

EBBC Office at 3301 E12th St, Suite 143, Oakland is also located next to the busy Fruitvale Bike Station, used by a growing stream of smiling new bicycle commuters. Many recent converts to the bike and transit commute mode arrive on new gear. One regular Bike Station user, Frances Kawamoto of Alameda, has been commuting to her Berkeley workplace and always has a beaming smile. She had even more reason to smile during a recent visit to renew her EBBC membership and show off her brand new bike—a Bike to Work Day Prize from REI in Berkeley!

Congratulations Frances!
Mokelumne Path connection denied!

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The voter-approved Measure J only allotted 1.5% of the half-cent transportation sales tax to bicycle-pedestrian improvements.

The total Overcrossing cost estimate is $4 million, a relatively small portion of the cost to build the over 12-mile long freeway!

"Unfortunately we have not been able to identify funding to complement the $1.5 RBPP funding for the Mokelumne Overcrossing," said Dale Dennis, Program Manager for the Bypass.

Jim Townsend, a senior planner with the East Bay Regional Park District, has worked with all parties for several years to secure funding for the "important bicycle and pedestrian project."

According to Dennis, "the [Authority] Board has acknowledged that it is a mitigation associated with the SR4 Bypass Project and an Authority obligation."

EBBC's concern is that it will be ten years—or more—until the overcrossing is built.

By releasing the $1.5 million now rather than when the RBPP grant officially expires allows the money to remain in Contra Costa County. If not spent, the funds would go back to the MTC. Perhaps the grant will be used for the Treat Overcrossing?

-Dave Campbell

Berkeley brimming with parked bicycles

Not only are Berkeley's bike racks busting at the seems, but every nearby light pole, sign post, parking meter...you name it...has a bike locked to it, and it's only getting worse (or better, depending on your point of view).

UC Berkeley is experiencing many conflicts between building managers and bicyclists whose only good option is locking bikes to hand rails. The University has 5,000 more students this year and does have plans to install approximately $20,000 in new bike racks at priority locations around campus.

The North Berkeley BART Station once had some empty bike racks on the south side away from the station exit, but not any more. The racks are full and every permanent fixture there has a new bike friend. New eLockers are in operation to help alleviate this problem at North Berkeley BART, as well as at the Berkeley Amtrak Station and Ashby BART.

The Downtown Berkeley Bikestation, for the first time ever parked over 2,000 bikes in one month (September) and everyday is 33% over capacity. Eric Anderson, the City of Berkeley's new bicycle and pedestrian planner, is busy ordering hundreds of new bike racks for installation throughout the city.

Mike's Bikes of Berkeley just had their record month for bike sales and of course the EBBC's bicycle safety classes are filling up fast, with over 130 bicyclists having signed up in the last four weeks.

-Dave Campbell

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Bicycles locked to every available post on UC Berkeley campus.

CREDIT: Greg Haet, UCB

Dave Stoeffler, the safety coordinator for the Delta Pedalers bicycle club, said he feels betrayed by the decision, because area cyclists had been promised a safe route over the bypass sooner than later.

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GET INVOLVED LOCALLY! - Candidate Forums represent your opportunity to raise public awareness for bicycle safety and access needs. Some candidates may be caught off guard when asked about implementing their jurisdiction’s local or Countywide Bicycle Plan. Don’t forget that there are also a number of special district elections, such as BART and the East Bay Regional Park District, where election of a bicycle-friendly candidate can really help the scales in our favor! Note that EBBC’s non-profit status does not allow us to endorse candidates. EBBC can, however, discuss issues and point you to Candidate Forums like those sponsored by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters. Visit www.smartvoter.org.

BERKELEY FORUM - Mayoral and Council candidates will participate in an Environmental, Transportation and Land Use forum on Saturday, Oct 11. Three forums: 1-2pm-Mayor; 2:30-3:30pm-Districts 3 & 4; 4-5pm-Districts 2,5 & 6. Old City Hall, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

BERKELEY is expanding its “Pay and Display” ParkEZ Stations and removing parking meter heads in selected areas this fall. To offset the loss of de facto bike parking the City is 1) leaving selected meter heads in place temporarily (look for locked bag covers); and 2) installing new permanent bicycle racks in place of parking meter poles. Please identify locations that need bike parking to the parking meter poles. Please identify permanent bicycle racks in place of locked bag covers); and 2) installing new meter heads in place temporarily (look for parking the City is 1) leaving selected fall. To offset the loss of de facto bike parking meter heads in selected areas this Display” ParkEZ Stations and removing BERKELEY Jr. Way. Old City Hall, 2134 Martin Luther King, Environmental, Transportation and Land forums: 1-2pm-Mayor; 2:30-3:30pm-Transportation and Land Use forum on Saturday, Oct 11. Three Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. Comments are due by November 6. The plan is available for review at www.pleasantongeneralplan.org. For info contact Janice Stern, Principal Planner, 925-931-5606 or jstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

DUBLIN - Join in a public workshop to review and help prioritize projects for implementation from the Bikeways Master Plan (2007). The plan is available at www.ci.dublin.ca.us. Plan to attend between 7-9pm on Tuesday, October 14, at the City Center, 100 Civic Plaza, in the Regional Meeting Room. For info contact Ferd Del Rosario at 925-833-6630.

MAP REVIEW - EBBC’s brand-new Map 1: West of the Hills is proving to be a popular incentive for members to renew at EBBC’s office and at events. Maps are now also making their way into our supporting bike shops. Our two years of field reviews and mapping sessions, however, may not prove to be infallible. We have not yet had any reports of errors or omissions, but if you find any, please let us know. This also applies to Map 2: East of the Hills (2006). We will replace any map that you mark corrections on before the end of 2008.

EMERYVILLE - You can get involved in developing and promoting Emeryville’s General Plan, now being reviewed. EBBC heartily endorses the draft policy to “Develop a ‘Quality of Service’ standard that seeks to optimize travel by all modes and use it to measure transportation performance. The City does not recognize “Level of Service” as a valid measure of overall transportation operations.” Please attend local BPAC meetings to help prioritize bicycle plan projects. Contact PeterSchultze-Allen, Environmental Analyst (510-596-3728).

CONCORD - Monument Blvd is the southern gateway to downtown Concord that Mary Lou Laubscher’s Monument Community Partnership envisions to serve all residents and include bicycle and pedestrian access by 2015. Want to speed up the plan? Join the Partnership on the third Thursday of each month at the Keller House in Ellis Lake Park, 1760 Clayton Road. Info: 925-685-2332 or mllaubscher@astound.net.

CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS - Caltrans has agreed to review the potential auto vs. auto conflict points, then analyze shoulder widths in these specific areas to ensure that bicyclists won't be squeezed by passing motor vehicle traffic. This agreement is too late for Niles Canyon, but bicyclists on SR 9 (Skyline Blvd) on the Peninsula may benefit from EBBC’s pleas.

Please renew in advance to keep your EBBC membership current

Check your address label

CALLING ALL NEW EBBC MEMBERS!

November 18, 6:15pm, Rockridge Public Library

Come for the orientation, stay for the pizza!

Maybe you’ve started to wonder “Is anyone working to improve my bike routes?” or “How do I take advantage of shop discounts?” or “What all does EBBC do?”

This will be your live and in-person FAQ session! Plus you’ll be able to munch some goodies while you’re learning and meeting others...

The 1/2 hour orientation will break in time for our annual nomination meeting in the adjacent room.

Plan to come upstairs at 6:15 to enjoy camaraderie, comestibles and Coalition-education.
Street Skills attendees offer praise for classes

Last month we reported on how EBBC’s need to offer additional Street Skills classes to the growing numbers of bicycle commuters made international front page news (See: “New bike commuters hit the classroom, then the road,” Christen Science Monitor, 8/25/08).

That publicity prompted a generous donor, the East Bay Community Foundation. In turn, we immediately added classes to the current series. Attendees in the crowded initial courses sent us their comments:

“Went to your Street Skills presentation yesterday. It was great—both as a cyclist and a driver.”

-Curtis Lee

“Emily and I attended a Day 1 class a couple of weeks ago. It was REALLY good. We’re looking forward to Day 2 in November. Highly recommended!”

-Greg Merritt
Oakland Yellowjackets

“...my confidence is increased, which raises the level of both my comfort and safety. I appreciated the mix of lecture, demonstration, diagram explanations, video examples, and resources [handouts]....”

-Donna Khanvali

EBBC’s League of American Bicyclists (LAB) certified bicycle safety classes start up in September. Learn how to “drive a bike” - that is, safely share the road with other traffic. Classes are free and open to the public. Please encourage your bicycling friends to sign up.

Day 1 Street Skills classes:

ALAMEDA, Saturday, October 11 2-5:00pm, Crosstown Community Center, 1303 High St

DUBLIN, Thursday, October 16 6-9:30pm, Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza

OAKLAND, Wednesday, October 22 6-9:30pm. Kaiser Medical Center, 7th floor conference room Main Hospital (3801 Howe Street, Oakland)

WALNUT CREEK, Thursday, Oct 23 5:30-9:00pm, Sports Basement, 1881 Ygnacio Valley Rd

RICHMOND, Tuesday, October 28 6-9:30pm, Kaiser Richmond Medical Center, 901 Nevin Avenue, Building A, 2nd floor, Conference Room A-2

SAN LEANDRO, Thursday, November 6 6-9:30pm, San Leandro Main Public Library, 300 Estudillo Ave

FREMONT, Monday, November 10 6-9:30pm, Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty St.

Details at www.e bbc.org. Classes are free, but registration is necessary.

To sign up, call the Berkeley Bike Station at 510.548.7433.
SUCCESS!!! Complete Streets (AB 1358) signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger

It takes a coalition!

Our two-year long campaign with the California Bicycle Coalition received statewide support in Sacramento. On September 30, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB 1358, authored by SF legislator Mark Leno, into law! In the past month your letters made the difference by letting the Governor know about the importance of providing complete streets:

* AB 1358 is a key toward the greenhouse gas reduction mandates in AB32 that he signed in 2006;
* Planning safe streets and roads is important for children, seniors, pedestrians, and bicyclists (quite a coalition of support!); and
* The fiscal effect is minor.

The California Complete Streets Act of 2008 would require local governments to consider and accommodate all users in the planning and development of their local highways and public transportation systems.

Bicycle advocates succeeded although we faced opposition from the League of California Cities, as reported last year by USA Today (7/29/07).

The idea that “every road should be a good road for bicyclists” certainly resonates with everyone with a handlebar perspective. The Bay Area earlier set a solid example for the State. EBBC and other coalitions succeeded last year in the adoption of a Routine Accommodation policy by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The League of American Bicyclists push for a similar bill with Congress may now get the support it needs!

signed Senator Darrell Steinberg’s SB 375 Redesigning Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. builds on AB 32 by adding the nation’s first law to control greenhouse gas emissions by curbing sprawl. The Governor’s website fact sheet on SB reads:

“The single-largest source of greenhouse gases in California is emissions from passenger vehicles, and in order to reduce those emissions, we must work to reduce Californians’ vehicle-miles traveled (VMTs). That means helping people spend less time in their cars to get to work and to the grocery store.”

Not all the news from Sacramento was good news DeSaulnier’s “Fair Share for Safety” among bills vetoed

09/30/2008

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2971 without my signature. While I support efforts to address the safety needs of bicyclists and pedestrians, the Department of Transportation already has the authority to develop the guidance and criteria and is currently doing so. This bill is unnecessary. For these reasons, I am returning the bill without my signature.

Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger

Even before the veto, AB 2971 received draconian edits to remove provisions on collecting developer fees for bicycle and pedestrian projects (like the Mokelumne Overcrossing) and scuttle any notion that a “Fair Share for Safety” would tie funding to bike/ped fatalities. East Bay Assemblymember Mark DeSaulnier had all but two of his bills vetoed!

Another vetoed bill we were counting on, SB 432, would have enabled bicyclists to ride through crosswalks, like where the Bay Trail crosses University in Berkeley. For SB 432, his message was a boilerplate type indicating that the delay in the budget forced him to focus on only priority issues facing the state. In other words, he punished certain legislators for not cooperating.

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EBBC BOARD MEETING - 7:00pm
Draft for Approval

Board members present: Board Members Present: Dave Campbell, Bill Pinkham, Ole Ohlson, Rick Rickard, Rick Rickard, Craig Hagelin, Eric McCaughrin, Tom Ayres, Dave Favello, Leo Dubose
Also Present: Robert Raburn, ED

West of Hills Maps - A small pre-shipment of the new maps arrived in time for the Solano Stroll; maps have been mailed to people who joined or renewed at the Art & Soul Festival. Motion to approve $300 for mailing and expedited shipping of these maps: APPROVED.

East Bay Community Foundation Grant - Through the generosity of Amos Lans, this foundation offered EBBC a grant of $10,000, including support of Street Skills classes ($3.5k for marketing, $3.5k for translating the course materials into Spanish) and expediting our new database ($3k). Motion to accept these funds as earmarked for these expenditures: APPROVED.

2009 Board nominations - Our annual election for Board members will take place at the November 18 Board meeting. Although most current Board members are available and willing to continue, there is interest in contacting several members. Tom will prepare a nomination solicitation. Motion for Dave Campbell and Ole Ohlson to constitute a nominating committee: APPROVED.

New brochure - Robert explained how the newly revised EBBC brochure highlights recent accomplishments and adds a new membership category for households.

GENERAL MEETING - 7:30pm - Draft minutes for Approval

Welcome and introductions- We were glad to see a total of 17 people at the meeting, including several new people who are interested in further involvement.

Minutes from the 8/19/08 general meeting - APPROVED.

Treasurer's report- Balance sheet and profit/loss information distributed by Rick Rickard shows we are financially sound. Contributions are sought for our commitment to the 4th Bore Coalition. 1,650 newsletters were sent in September - a new record for EBBC. The membership committee will review/revise the member renewal letter before it is sent out.

Legislative update- AB 1358 (Complete Streets) is still in limbo as of this meeting, with the governor not signing any pending bills until a budget is approved. AB 2971 (Fair Share for Bicyclist Safety) has passed, but in a watered-down form that will prevent it from having any real impact on funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Valet Bike Parking - Robert reported that our bike parking at recent events helps our balance sheet as well as giving us a great opportunity for outreach. In addition to parking, Rick's graphs show we signed up more than 90 new members at Art & Soul, 51 members at the Solano Stroll, and 13 at the Montclair Jazz fair. In the next month, we will be parking bikes at Out & About Rockridge, Dimond Oktoberfest, How Berkeley Can You Be parade (parking by the BFBC), and the Days of the Dead at the Oakland Museum.

Organizers of the Walnut Festival turned our offer to park bikes for a nominal payment, despite the popularity of bike parking there (provided by the local BAC) in previous years.

Database transition- Eric reported that the database transition is nearing completion, pending some clean-up and review by the Membership Committee. The actual transition will be made after preparing the November newsletter mailing. Eric noted that the website can be multilingual, with links to versions in other languages.

CoCo Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan update- EBBC members are attending public comment meetings to advocate for improvements. See information at our website.

Mokelumne Overcrossing- Bicycle access between Antioch and Brentwood was severely compromised by the Highway 4 Bypass, forcing cyclists into the crowded motor traffic on Lone Tree. The Highway 4 Bypass Authority recently voted to down a $1.5 million grant from MTC. Respectfully submitted by Tom Ayres, EBBC Treasurer

P'TownBikeAdvocates
Bringing change to Pleasanton

Pleasanton bicycle advocacy is rooted in frustration. After all, so many City resources have been devoted to protecting drivers of two-ton vehicles with little left over for bicyclists.

From seeing bike lanes removed in the Hacienda Business Park to witnessing major freeway entrance and exit ramps designed solely to get autos on and off surface streets at maximum speeds, it was clear that bicyclists had no organized voice.

I spoke-out at a public traffic department meeting, but the old guard quickly let me know that my input was not welcome. After my second meeting, I felt overwhelmed with objections, and was even asked “are you trying to turn us into another Berkeley?” (guffaws all around).

My frustration turned into determination and I felt compelled to form a new citizen's advocacy group to restore the balance of spending.

P'TownBikeAdvocates quickly grew to a few dozen members. Our fledgling group received a welcome audience with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember (and bicyclist) Matt Sullivan. When new traffic manager Mike Tassano was subsequently brought in things began to change in a hurry! The city began to listen.

P'TownBikeAdvocates now numbers around 50 members and our initial cause of frustration has been replaced with the spirit of cooperation. Our new group started by narrowing our requests to just a few priorities in order to make it simpler for the City to work with us.

One of our priorities has been fulfilled—to create a Bike-Pedestrian Advisory Council. P'TownBikeAdvocates members now sit as members in the audience while the BPAC reviews the city's new Bicycle Master Plan (funded by Measure B).

The City's traffic leadership is also now amazingly responsive to requests from bicyclists. For example, I recently informed engineers that a newly-erected sign for the Iron Horse Trail bypass inadvertently posed a bicycling hazard due to its precarious location, and literally within just two working days the steel sign was relocated from its sunken concrete base to

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EBBC’s accounting methods assure that your early payment will extend your membership by a year.

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☐ Commuter ☐ Utility ☐ Recreation ☐ Touring ☐ Transit User ☐ Other bicycling interests?

 membership form

-Grassroots “Spokespeople” Wanted -
Cycles of Change & Neighborhood Bicycle Centers

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